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FOR

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Annual Report for 1967

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your district for 1967.

The vital statistics are very much better than last year and compare most favourably with those for England and Wales.

The birth rate is slightly up and the death rate a little lower than last year. There was a total of 413 deaths as against 427 in 1966. Of these deaths 107 died aged 65-75 and 174 were 75 and over.

The number of deaths from cancer of all parts of the body was 75; two less than last year, but lung cancer deaths increased by three to 23 which is the highest total we have ever had. This follows the national trend.

Deaths from cardio-vascular diseases were one less than last year. This is the lowest we have had for many years with the exception of 1960. There was only half the number of deaths from pneumonia and many fewer from bronchitis than in 1966. There were three suicides (one less than last year). Deaths due to motor accidents nearly doubled, but the number from all accidents was two less than last year.

There was not a maternal death according to the confirmed returns of the Ministry of Health.

There were no deaths recorded from tuberculosis.

There were ten notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis — one less than in 1966. This is the lowest number ever with the exception of 1960.

The Mass Miniature Radiography Unit visited the area but is spending less time in all districts due to the decreasing number of cases picked up in this way. Only 714 people took advantage of being X-Rayed. Various conditions were found but no new case of tuberculosis was discovered. Details are given later in the report.

There were 24 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia notified from the General Hospital. The total number of confirmed cases in the County was 45. Only five of these 24 patients were residents of this area. There was no specific cause calling for any special investigation.

Notifications of infectious diseases totalled 749, of which Measles accounted for 657. There were more cases of Scarlet Fever but fewer of Whooping Cough. There were two cases of Meningococcal Infection. There were no deaths from any of these infections.

Notifications came in for two cases of Dysentery which spoiled the record of the last three years when none were received.

No case of Poliomyelitis or Diphtheria has been notified. Vaccination and Immunisation are still very necessary to keep up this record.

Vaccination against Measles has not yet been approved by the Ministry.

The infant mortality rate is lower than in 1966. There were 16 deaths as against 18. Of these, five died before reaching the age of one week ; two more before reaching one month. One died at one month ; three at two months ; one at three months ; two at four months ; one at five months and one at six months. Twelve died in hospital and four at home. Again, of these 16 deaths, four died from atelectasis due to prematurity ; one from extreme prematurity ; one from intracranial haemorrhage due to prematurity ; one from septicaemia with spina bifida and hydrocephaly ; three from asphyxia : one due to acute bronchiolitis ; one to pulmonary oedema due to virus infection and one from inhalation of vomit. Four died from broncho-pneumonia—one with a subarachnoid haemorrhage ; one died from multiple abnormalities and one from gastro enteritis.

B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the Senior Schools. The response continues to be very good. I again would like to acknowledge the willing co-operation of all head teachers.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis is offered in schools as well as in all clinics and general practitioners' surgeries. Immunisation against Tetanus and Diphtheria is similarly offered. The triple immunisation (diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus) is carried out during infancy. Smallpox vaccination is carried out in the second year of life.

Last year the Council sanctioned the purchase of one-shot anti-influenza vaccine for its staff and workmen, and did so again this year. Sixty-six persons availed themselves of this.

The Meals on Wheels Service continues to supply twenty-four meals to old people twice per week. We sincerely thank all those who carry on so regularly to take the meals to the old people. There is still no functioning Women's Royal Voluntary Service in the town, so a great many organisations take part in this service. The nearest Women's Royal Voluntary Service headquarters is in Spennymoor.

The chiropody service is functioning very satisfactorily. It is run by the Red Cross and up to date has been fully financed by the Red Cross. It is now operating once per week and during the year gave 395 treatments. We are very grateful to the chiropodist who gives her services free.

The Meals from Neighbours service is used in the villages, as the need arises, and also in the town at the request of the Hospital Almoner for someone being discharged from hospital. This service too is run by the Red Cross. We are indeed indebted to the Red Cross for a lot of help and would like to offer them our sincere thanks.

The Red Cross continues to run an Over Seventy Tea Club which is very successful and for which there is a waiting list, as forty-eight is the largest number for which they can cater.

The Old People's Welfare Committee continues to carry out visiting of the aged and the lonely and the organisation of Christmas parcels, helped by the various organisations. We thank the senior pupils of the Grammar School who carried out a survey of the Bishop Auckland area to find more people who wished to be visited.

I would also like to thank the Press for their assistance in finding more people to help to do the visiting.

The number of people provided with a home help during the year was 334 (312 in 1966). Details are given later in the Report.

146 houses were built by the Council ; 99 by private enterprise ; none by Durham County Council ; and four houses were converted to flats, making a total of 250 new houses. In 1966 395 houses were built.

Two cases of Tuberculosis were rehoused during the year and this keeps us more or less up to date with this problem.

The long awaited swimming baths were opened to the public (though not officially) towards the end of the year and were immediately very well patronized.

During the year we have suffered less vandalism in our public conveniences.

The total number of ash-closets still in the area is 412. Next year should see a big reduction.

This will definitely be my last annual report before retiring, as my successor has now been appointed, so I would like to thank my Council for the courtesy and consideration shown to me during the past eleven years and to thank my staff for the help they have given me and for their very efficient work during all these years.

Area and Social Conditions.

The area of the district is 9,336 acres. The estimated population in mid-1967 was 34,650, a decrease of 130 on the previous year's estimate.

The rateable value at the end of 1967 was £1,012,003 and the product of a penny rate was £3,950.

The number of houses according to the Council's rate book was, at the end of 1967, 11,500.

Vital Statistics.

In the following extracts from the vital statistics of the district, the corrected figures as supplied by the Registrar General have been used and the rates quoted are based on the above mentioned estimated population.

Live Births	Total	Males	Females
LEGITIMATE	574	288	286
ILLEGITIMATE	39	20	19
TOTAL	613	308	305

Comparability Factors :	Births	1.01
	Deaths	1.14
Standard Birth Rate for the district	17.86	
Standard rate for England and Wales	17.20	

Births.

Rate per 1,000 live and still births	17.86
The total number of births was	619: 313 Males 306 Females.
Illegitimate live births total	39: 20 Males 19 Females.
Illegitimate live births as a percentage of total live births =	6.36%

Still Births.

Stillbirths	Total	Males	Females
LEGITIMATE .. .	6	5	1
ILLEGITIMATE	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	5	1

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 9.69

Rate for England and Wales 14.80

Total live and still births 619: 313 Males 306 Females.

Infant deaths (deaths under 1 yr.) 16: 9 Males 7 Females.

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 26.10

For England and Wales 18.3

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate
live births 24.39

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate
live births 51.28

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate.

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births .. 11.42

England and Wales 12.50

Legitimate Total 6 4 Males 2 Females

Illegitimate Total 1 1 Male 0 Females

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate.

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births .. 8.16

England and Wales 10.80

Legitimate Total 5 4 Males 1 Female

Illegitimate Total 0

Perinatal Mortality Rate.

Still births and deaths under one week combined per
total live and still births 17.77

England and Wales 25.40

Maternal Mortality (including abortion).

Number of deaths. Nil.

Deaths.

After correction for outwardly and inwardly transferable deaths a total of 413 (218 Males and 195 Females) deaths of residents was recorded during the year, giving a standard death rate of 13.59 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The death rate for England and Wales as a whole in 1967 was 11.20. Cardio-vascular diseases accounted for 164 of the total deaths.

The following table gives the number of deaths recorded from the various causes during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females	Total
Lung Cancer	20	3	23
Other Cancers	23	29	52
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	34	35	69
Coronary disease, angina ..	52	43	95
Hypertension with heart disease	2	3	5
Other heart disease	16	19	35
Other circulatory diseases ..	13	16	29
Pneumonia	3	6	9
Bronchitis	14	5	19
Other respiratory diseases ..	2	3	5
Gastric or duodenal ulcer ..	2	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	1
Diabetes	4	5	9
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—	2
Congenital malformations ..	2	3	5
Motor vehicle accidents	5	2	7
All other accidents	7	5	12
Suicide	2	1	3
Tuberculosis (all forms)	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1	2
Pregnancy, childbirth	—	—	—
Meningococcal infection	—	—	—
Syphylitic diseases	—	—	—
All other causes than those specified	10	12	22
Homicide and operations of War	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	218	195	413

The table on Causes of Death is based upon information supplied by the Registrar General.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths from the various infectious diseases (excluding tuberculosis) which occurred during 1967.

DISEASE	Total cases notified	Total number after corrected diagnosis	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
Meningococcal Infection	2	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	20	20	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	10	10	3	9
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	24	24	24	-
Measles	661	657	-	-
Whooping Cough ..	34	34	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	2	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis ..	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ..	753	749	29	9

Nineteen of the patients suffering from Puerperal Pyrexia were not normally resident in the Urban District.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows in arrangement by age groups, the number of new cases notified and of deaths from tuberculosis occurring in the district during the year.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1967	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
1966	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
1965	8	3	—	3	1	1	—	1
1964	7	4	—	2	2	—	1	—
1963	7	7	—	2	—	—	—	—
1962	9	6	1	—	4	—	1	—
1961	12	8	4	3	2	3	—	—
1960	3	4	3	1	2	2	—	—
1959	9	12	3	3	3	1	—	—
1958	16	8	4	1	3	2	2	—

MASS MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY

Details of the Unit's visit are as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
NUMBER X-RAYED ..	317	397	714
NUMBER RECALLED ..	5	3	8
NUMBER REFERRED TO DOCTOR			13
NUMBER REFERRED TO CHEST CLINIC			8

ABNORMALITIES	Total
1. Pulmonary Fibrosis	3
Bronchiectasis	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1
Normal on investigation	3
2. Old fibrosis of lungs	2
Emphysema	1
Bronchitis	3
Cardiac abnormalities	7

Group 1 were those referred to the Chest Clinic.

Group 2 were those referred to doctor.

WATER

The Durham County Water Board took 60 samples of water during the year for bacteriological examination. The Board supplies 12,028 houses directly from the mains, no house being supplied from a standpipe. No case of contamination occurred in the district and the supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality was maintained. The fluoride content is F 0.1 p.p.m.

Chlorination is carried out after all main repairs and bacteriological tests are made until a satisfactory result is obtained.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Once again I have to write that the Report for 1967 is substantially the same as the previous year.

Ministry approval to go out to tender for a scheme for sludge de-watering, new humus tanks and mechanised grit removal was received and by the end of the year tenders had been obtained.

SEWERAGE

The system continues to operate reasonably well in spite of the entrance of large amounts of grit.

SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES

(a) Immunisation against Diphtheria.

The following children were treated during the year in their homes, doctors' surgeries, County clinics or Schools.

480 children received primary full courses of immunisation treatment. 515 children received 'booster' doses, either singly or in combination.

(b) Whooping Cough.

421 children were vaccinated against Whooping Cough either singly or in combination. The administration of combined Whooping Cough and Diphtheria injections has naturally lowered the numbers of single injections against each disease alone. 335 'booster' doses were administered.

(c) Smallpox Vaccination.

285 primary vaccinations and 13 re-vaccinations were carried out during the year.

(d) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The number of vaccinations carried out during the year was as follows:

596 primaries.

343 boosters.

(e) B.C.G. Vaccinations.

1,008 children were Heaf tested : 72 children were positive ; 873 children were negative and 855 children were vaccinated. Eighteen children were not vaccinated for medical reasons. These figures apply to children attending schools in the Bishop Auckland Urban District.

(f) Tetanus Vaccinations.

The number of vaccinations given to persons under sixteen years of age was as follows:

545 primaries.

554 boosters.

(g) Home Help Service.

Number of cases receiving Home Help at 1/1/1967	246
New cases served during the year	88
Total number of cases provided with help during year	334
Cases terminated during the year	80
Cases receiving the service at 31/12/1967	254

MEAT INSPECTION

During the year the carcasses and organs of 13,902 animals were inspected in the course of 766 visits to the three slaughterhouses.

This number of animals killed and inspected was 1,418 less than 1966.

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Slaughtered ..	2846	225	83	6526	4222
Number Inspected ..	2846	225	83	6526	4222
1. TUBERCULOSIS					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Parts of carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	44
Percentage condemned ..	—	—	—	—	1
2. CYSTICERCOSIS					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Parts of carcasses condemned	29	2	—	—	—
Percentage condemned ..	0.4	0.4	—	—	—
Number of carcasses refrigerated	10	1	—	—	—
3. OTHER DISEASES					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Parts of carcasses condemned	764	75	—	338	349
Percentage condemned ..	9	12	—	2.4	4

In addition the following carcase meat was condemned as unfit for human consumption:

1,925 lb. Beef.
1,080 lb. Sheep and Lamb.
2,370 lb. Pork.
55 lb. Veal.

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1963

All slaughtered animals were examined in the manner prescribed by the Regulations, and the carcasses of those found to be fit for human consumption were stamped by the inspecting officer.

The charges imposed brought an income of £708 19s. 3d. for 1967.

The income from meat inspection since the Regulations came into force is:

1964	..	£525	6s. 6d.
1965	..	£432	3s. 3d.
1966	..	£732	2s. 6d.
1967	..	£708	19s. 3d.
TOTAL		£2,398 11s. 6d.	

ICE CREAM

Thirteen samples were taken in 1967 to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton, and graded for purity. The grades are shown in comparison with previous years.

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	Total
Grade 1	3	2	11	24	10	13	12	8	8	91
Grade 2	2	6	4	8	6	9	7	3	3	48
Grade 3	1	3	12	4	1	2	4	1	—	28
Grade 4	1	4	11	8	3	2	3	2	2	36
TOTALS	7	15	38	44	20	26	26	14	13	203

MILK (Special Designation) REGULATIONS, 1960

The results of milk samples taken in the Urban Area by the County Health Inspector were:

Designation	Number Examined	Tests Applied	Test Result		
			Passed	Void	Failed
Pasteurised	123	Methylene Blue	104	15	4
		Phosphatase	123	—	—
Sterilised	21	Turbidity	21	—	—
Untreated	43	Methylene Blue	35	5	3
		Biological	12	—	—
		Anti-Biotic	38	—	—

FOOD PREMISES

One hundred and fifty-one visits were made to food premises and it was necessary to serve eleven informal and nine formal notices to remedy defects or supply amenities.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of 1967 the total number of premises registered was 285, all of which had received a general inspection since the Act came into operation.

(a) Registration and Inspections.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Registered During the Year	Total No. of Registered Premises at end of Year	No. of Registered Premises Receiving a General Inspection during the Year	No. of Notices Served
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Offices	3	77	6	4
Retail Shops ..	11	179	34	21
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ..	1	10	1	—
Catering Establishments open to the public:				
Canteens ..	3	18	3	4
Fuel Storage Depots	—	1	—	—
TOTALS ..	18	285	44	29

(b) Persons Employed.

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of Persons Employed (2)
Offices	568
Shops	1,602
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	100
Catering Establishments open to the public:	
Canteens	104
Fuel Storage Depots	5
TOTAL ..	2,379
Total Males .. 824	Total Females .. 1,555

FACTORIES

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health

PREMISES (1)	Number of			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Prose- cutions (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	18	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	117	12	6	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	10	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	144	30	8	—

FACTORIES

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were				Number of cases in which prosec's were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ..	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	10	10	—	5	—

HOUSING

(a) Clearance Areas.

Nine clearance areas were represented to the Council for subsequent transmission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The Areas were:

Area	Number of Houses
1. George Street and Saddler Street, Bishop Auckland	7
2. High Bondgate, Bishop Auckland ..	3
3. Thompson Street, Bishop Auckland ..	14
4. Market Place, Bishop Auckland ..	4
5. Canney Hill Area	21
6 and 7. Coundon Gate Nos. 1 and 2 Areas ..	39
8 and 9. Oak Terrace and Yew Terrace, Leasingthorne	48
TOTAL ..	136

(b) Individual Orders.

Housing Act Orders were made in respect of:

<i>House(s)</i>	<i>Order</i>
31 Back Edward Street, Bishop Auckland	Closing
36, Thomas Street, Auckland Park ..	Closing
East Farm Cottage, Middlestone	Demolition
Boat House, Middlestone	Closing
4, High Road, Middlestone	Closing
8, High Road, Middlestone	Demolition
9, High Road, Middlestone	Demolition
10, High Road, Middlestone	Demolition
53b, Park Road, Witton Park	Closing
57, Manor Road, St. Helen's	Closing
5, Cross Street, St. Helen's	Closing
11, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland ..	Demolition
13, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland ..	Demolition
15, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland ..	Demolition
17, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland ..	Demolition
49, Front Street, West Auckland ..	Closing
50, Front Street, West Auckland ..	Closing
57, Front Street, West Auckland ..	Closing
17, Oakley Street, West Auckland ..	Closing
21, Oakley Street, West Auckland ..	Closing
26, Main Street, South Church	Closing
10, Brook Street, Coundon Grange ..	Closing

19a, Staindrop Road, West Auckland	..	Demolition
17, Johnson Terrace, West Auckland	..	Closing
11, Park Terrace, Witton Park	..	Closing
7, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
9, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
19, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
21, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
23, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
25, Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
8, Brook Street, Coundon Grange	..	Closing
6, Rosemount, South Church	..	Demolition
Dog Kennel House, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
1, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition
2, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland	..	Demolition

A TOTAL OF 36 HOUSES

The following were submitted to the Council as unfit, but Orders had not been made by the end of the year:

25b, Newton Cap Bank, Bishop Auckland.

15, Jackson Street, Coundon Grange.

28, Park View Terrace, New Coundon.

1, High Deanery Street, Eldon Lane.

19, Etherley Moor.

4, Brancepeth Terrace, Bishop Auckland.

9, Park Terrace, Witton Park.

West Auckland Colliery House.

5, Southgate Street, Bishop Auckland.

5b, Southgate Street, Bishop Auckland.

6, Southgate Street, Bishop Auckland.

7, Southgate Street, Bishop Auckland.

60a, Wharton Street, Coundon.

87, Wharton Street, Coundon.

88, Wharton Street, Coundon.

Altogether 178 houses were represented either individually or collectively during 1967.

(c) Houses where defects were remedied.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.	<i>By Owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
(i) After informal action	130	—
(ii) After formal action	30	16
2. HOUSING ACTS	—	—

(d) Rent Act, 1957.

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	} Nil.
Number of decisions to issue Certificate	
Number of Undertakings received	
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	

(e) **Inspections.**

(i)	Under Public Health, Housing and Rents Act	1,846
(ii)	Under Housing and House Purchase Acts ..	106

(f) **Houses Demolished or Closed.**

	Demolished or Closed	Rehoused Persons	Rehoused Families
(i) IN CLEARANCE AREAS Houses unfit for habitation	221	240	81
(ii) NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS Action under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957	9	28	10
(iii) UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED Action under Section 16 (4) and 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	30	83	27

(g) **Improvement of Houses.**

		Discretionary Grant	Standard Grant
(i)	Number of applications submitted in 1967 ..	59	19
(ii)	Number of applications rejected	—	—
(iii)	Total number of applications approved since inception	296	433
(iv)	Total number of grants paid since inception	229	388

(h) **New Houses.**

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Built by Council	84	61	63	—	40	245	332	146
Built by Private Enterprise	30	18	56	63	123	22	61	99
Built by D.C.C.	—	—	8	3	—	—	1	—
Converted into Flats	—	—	2	11	—	—	1	4 to 8 Flats
Converted from other Premises	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTALS	114	80	129	77	163	268	395	250

(i) **Rehousing - Housing Allocations.**

	New Dwellings	Re-Lets of Existing Accommodation	Total
Slum Clearance ..	65	61	126
General List ..	23	51	74
Aged Persons List ..	10	2	12
Keyworkers ..	33	10	43
Transferred Sitting Tenants ..	15	52	67
TOTALS ..	146	176	322

(ii) **OVERCROWDED FAMILIES.**

Of the 322 families rehoused during the year, 118 were statutorily overcrowded.

(iii) **FAMILIES SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.**

Two cases were rehoused in 1967.

(j) **Housing Waiting List.**

As at 31st December, 1967.

	Tenants	Sub-Tenants	Total
General Waiting List	441	115	556
Aged Persons Waiting List	239	19	258
TOTALS	680	134	814

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of Visits</i>
Factories Acts	30
Public Health Acts	970
Housing Acts	876
Grants—Improvements	106
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	42
Drainage	222
Conversions	6
Public Cleansing	460
Miscellaneous	351
Market	50
Food Premises	101
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	147
Slaughterhouses	766
Clean Air Act	13
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	TOTAL .. 4,200
Number of Interviews ..	548

CONVERSIONS TO WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM

Five ashclosets were converted to water carriage. At the end of the year—due to conversions, demolitions, improvements and the erection of new houses—the numbers of the various sanitary conveniences in the Urban District were as follows:

Water Closets	..	..	13,147
Ashclosets	..	..	384
Ashpits, etc.	..	..	28

Since 1954, ²3,124 conversions have been carried out.

CONVERSIONS			
Year	Owners	Local Authority	Total
1954	110	317	427
1955	117	34	151
1956	115	232	347
1957	57	188	245
1958	70	271	341
1959	61	92	153
1960	59	—	59
1961	42	—	42
1962	40	161	201
1963	16	79	95
1964	20	—	20
1965	6	—	6
1966	2	30	32
1967	5	—	5
TOTALS	720	1,404	2,124

RODENT CONTROL

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of Properties in District	13,781	69
2. (a) Total Number of properties inspected following notification	282	8
(b) Number Infested by—		
(i) Rats	211	8
(ii) Mice	26	—
3. (a) Total Number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	42	1
(b) Number Infested by—		
(i) Rats	34	—
(ii) Mice	1	—

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

PUBLIC CLEANSING

“Tempora Mutantur” — ‘Times Change.’ It is said that one way to find out how much they have changed is to examine the household refuse of any specific period. For example, the discards of today would have horrified our forebears of fifty years ago as being sheer extravagance. But we live in a period where consumable goods are sold in wrappings or boxes which go far beyond meeting minimum needs of protection and handling. This produces mountains of cartons, cellophane and paper, which in this space age must be collected and disposed of by a terrestrial service.

The problems of storage, collection and disposal become more acute, and ways and means of improving the service must always be sought.

The report of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's Working Party showed the way whereby improvements could be effected to combat this ever increasing volume of waste, and it was hoped that local authorities would adopt and quickly implement the recommendations.

It is perhaps a paradox that progressive though man is, he is forever linked with all that he disowns, and in the context of refuse collection and disposal it is important not to mark time but march with the changing times.

House and Trade Refuse Collection.

The collection service is weekly to all households and the majority of commercial and industrial premises, although in some latter cases, collections are made more frequently — sometimes every day.

It is interesting to note that the contents of more than 13,600 bins are collected each week, viz:— 11,100 from houses, 520 from schools, 1,780 from commercial premises and about 250 industrial. In addition about 150 paper sacks are collected, and 400 ash-closets cleansed weekly. To this must be added the extra refuse picked up additional to bin collections, plus miscellaneous bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, etc.

All this represents about 1,500 cu. yards or 250 tons of refuse carried to the tip in 150 loads each week.

With the houses on the Meadow View Estate, West Auckland being completed and occupied, the paper sack trial scheme is in full operation. To the present time the scheme is wholly satisfactory from the viewpoint of householder and collector, and not one complaint has been received.

Refuse Disposal.

Although three tips were available most of the refuse was taken to Gurney Valley.

Repeated breakdown of the bulldozer made controlled tipping not only impossible, but any form of tipping most unsuitable and difficult. This was accentuated by the ever attendant disadvantages of this disposal method, viz. low density refuse creating voids and uneven surfaces ; loose papers blowing about ; fire risk ; lack of suitable covering material, etc.

396 tickets were purchased by private individuals or firms allowing them to dispose of refuse at Gurney Valley. At 7/6d. per ticket the income was £148 10s. 0d.

Salvage.

During 1967, 84 tons 2 cwts. and 2 qrs. of salvage were despatched to Board Mills or Paper Merchants.

Despatch of Salvage

<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of Bales</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>
24/1/67	104	K.L.S.	6	17	0
25/1/67	98	K.L.S.	7	3	0
22/2/67	125	Mixed Paper	11	1	1
20/6/67	96	Cardboard	6	15	0
21/6/67	120	Mixed Paper	10	0	3
20/6/67	108	Cardboard	7	13	2
26/6/67	116	Cardboard	8	1	0
3/10/67	132	Mixed Paper	10	18	0
11/10/67	110	Cardboard	7	11	0
29/11/67	121	Cardboard	8	2	0

Paper Tonnage.

		<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>
1957	..	40	0	0
1958	..	51	9	0
1959	..	73	2	0
1960	..	168	14	0
1961	..	170	6	1
1962	..	159	17	0
1963	..	196	19	3
1964	..	181	18	3
1965	..	140	16	1
1966	..	99	9	1
1967	..	84	2	2
TOTAL		1,366	14	3

Income.

Income from waste paper, trade refuse charges and disposal charges was £1,706 9s. 6d.

The value of the despatched salvage was £799 10s. 11d. and that of trade refuse collected was £758 8s. 7d.

Together with the £200 paid each year, since 1958, by a Contractor at Gurney Valley Tip, the income for the period 1957-1967 was: £22,052 14s. 4d.

Year	Paper Sales	Trade Refuse	Scrap	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1957	290 12 6	122 7 10	41 15 0	454 15 4
1958	318 3 9	261 1 3	21 14 6	600 19 6
1959	633 7 6	399 16 0	9 0 0	1,042 3 6
1960	1,133 8 0	656 13 0	8 1 0	1,798 2 0
1961	1,128 14 6	1,015 5 0	104 13 0	2,248 12 6
1962	1,359 7 9	1,034 9 0	3 4 0	2,397 0 9
1963	1,575 7 3	1,156 8 1	— — —	2,731 15 4
1964	1,455 17 6	1,258 19 9	2 5 0	2,717 2 3
1965	1,326 7 2	1,179 0 6	— — —	2,505 7 8
1966	929 5 0	785 3 4	— — —	1,714 7 4
1967	799 10 11	758 8 7	— — —	1,577 19 6
Totals	£10,950 0 10	£8,627 12 4	£190 12 6	£19,768 5 8

Public Conveniences.

During the year all repairs and defects were immediately attended to thus reducing the temptation to inflict further damage by vandals.

At Coundon and Coundon Grange the public conveniences were demolished ; and at Leeholme new urinal stalls and flushing apparatus were installed.

Staff.

The following table shows days lost due to sickness, absenteeism and holidays in 1967.

Month	Sickness	Absent	Holidays	Total
January ..	64	1	8	73
February ..	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	43 $\frac{1}{2}$
March ..	39	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	81 $\frac{1}{2}$
April	99	2	37	138
May	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	59	185 $\frac{1}{2}$
June	77	16	35	128
July	36	6	75	117
August ..	51	3	96	150
September ..	46	1	52	99
October ..	51	6	25	82
November ..	108	17	8	133
December ..	31	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	44 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTALS ..	763	93	419	1,275

Time lost from all causes represented approximately 20% of available working time.

The following table compares time lost due to sickness in 1967 with the preceding ten years.

MONTH	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Jan.	72	82	5	31	30	35	16	52½	67	73	64
Feb.	35	89	56	54	84	109	25	99	73	81	39½
March	47	53	37	15	31	54	31	59	91	82	39
April	44	35	54	13	48	60	13	74	84	28	99
May	17	16	47	21	42	88	1	63½	60	27	121½
June	2	29	7	—	50	41	5	55¼	100	—	77
July	5	10	5	—	31	37	13	30	48	—	36
Aug.	14	41	21	11	11	27	10	30	48	25	51
Sept.	82	85	46	53	10	22	20	70¾	55	32	46
Oct.	32	45	14	40	15	45	35	67	39	—	51
Nov.	17	2	—	65	18	11	20	66	24	26	108
Dec.	25	2	43	37	22	3	1	67¾	30	24	31
Totals	392	489	335	340	382	532	190	734¾	719	398	763

Time lost in 1967 due to sickness and absenteeism was 856 days.

Comparison with previous years

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Time Lost %	6.05	7.63	5.78	5.94	6.3	8.57	3.46	11.5	14.0	8.7	14.3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES — Notifications and Deaths (excluding Tuberculosis and Food Poisoning)

	1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967	
	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	14	-	17	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	130	-	776	-	309	-	639	-	127	1	664	-	371	-	765	-	61	-	657	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	46	8	35	26	19	13	30	17	24	16	19	25	12	10	17	14	20	23	10	9
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	4	-	-	-	10	-	32	-	39	-	24	-	42	-	32	-	35	-	24	-
Scarlet Fever ...	33	-	35	-	15	-	20	-	9	-	5	-	39	-	24	-	14	-	20	-
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	158	-	106	-	67	-	57	-	3	-	97	-	40	-	72	-	46	-	34	-
Acute Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	386	8	971	27	434	13	781	17	205	17	821	25	508	10	914	14	179	24	649	9

APPENDIX

Comparisons in Vital Statistics during the years 1958-1967

VITAL STATISTICS		1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Birth Rate	.. ..	19.4	16.8	17.6	17.0	18.0	18.9	19.2	19.7	17.6	17.9
Death Rate	.. ..	14.7	12.8	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.4	14.1	13.7	14.0	13.6
Infant Mortality Rate	.. ..	24.0	26.2	43.2	35.2	47.0	24.8	35.2	36.8	33.8	26.1

TUBERCULOSIS NEW CASES NOTIFIED

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Pulmonary Cases	24	21	7	20	15	14	11	11	11	10
Non-Pulmonary Cases	5	6	4	7	1	2	2	3	-	-

SUMMARY OF DEATHS BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS — 1967

	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								75 and over	
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—		
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ...	M	218	5	4	2	1	4	7	8	18	39	56	74	
	F	195	2	5	1	3	1	0	2	10	20	51	100	

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